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Federal Communications Commission
ATTN: Tom Wheeler, Chairman
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Charter/Time Warner merger-proceeding 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners:

I am writing to urge your support for the proposed merger between Charter Communications and Time Warner Cable, a transaction which also includes the acquisition of Bright House Networks by Charter Communications.


Speaking as a private citizen of the City of Grand Junction, I believe this transaction will have several benefits for the people and businesses of our city. About a year ago, after acquiring the assets of predecessor companies, Charter became the main provider of internet service in Grand Junction. Since that time, the sizable capital investment Charter has made to improve the internet infrastructure in our community. Charter is currently offering base broadband at 60 Mbps, which far exceeds any prior standard base level of service and offerings for businesses are available into the Gigabit range. Charter has committed to additional speed improvements that will be welcome by residential and commercial users. The service improvements and capital investment has been very much appreciated by our community.

In addition to the potential for improved service and internet speed, Charter has made a number of legally enforceable commitments to ensure expansion of broadband into areas previously underserved, an ongoing concern in our area. New Charter will build out one million line extensions beyond their current operating area, to bring high speed internet to more families and businesses. This will improve the quality of life for many of our citizens, and make our region an even more attractive place to live and do business.

I am also impressed by Charter's commitment to creating jobs in America. Not only will the planned build outs provide jobs, with increased need for field technicians and customer service representatives, but New Charter will relocate Time Warner's call centers to the United States from their current overseas locations. All of this together will provide potentially thousands of jobs nation-wide, and I fully expect our city to benefit from the growth in the telecom sector that this merger will provide.

There are numerous benefits to this transaction which will directly affect the people of Grand Junction in a very positive way. I therefore again urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve this merger.

Sincerely,



Martin Chazen
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Grand Junction